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SUBJ: WESTERN PRESS ROLE IN SOLZHENITSYN INTERVIEW

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1. FOCUS IN ANTI-SOLZHENITSYN PRESS CAMPAIGN BROADENED IN KOMSOMOLSKAYA PRAVDA SEP. 5 TO INCLUDE ROLE OF WESTERN PRESS IN DISSEMINATING RECENT INTERVIEW AND RELATED MATTERS. ITEM ALSO CARRIED ON TASS ENGLISH. CHARACTERIZING INTERVIEW AS "FIGMENT OF DISEASED IMAGINATION" AND BITTERLY RAILING AT SOLZHENITSYN, WRITER PIOTR LEONIDOV ADOPTS VOICE OF SWEET REASON IN ASKING BOURGEOIS WESTERN PRESS WHY THEY PUBLISH "SLANDEROUS WRITINGS BY SAKHAROV AND SOLZHENITSYNS." THEY SHOULD REALIZE THIS "INCOMPATIBLE, TO PUT IT MILDLY, WITH THEIR OWN PROFESSED GOAL OF ACHIEVING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PEOPLES AND EASING INTERNATIONAL TENSION... WILL TIME COME WHEN BOURGEOIS PRESS, WHICH CLAIMS RESPECTABILITY, BECOMES MORE DISCRIMINATING IN SEEKING 'SOURCES OF INFORMATION?'"

2. COMMENT: MENTION OF LE MONDE CORRESPONDENT ALAIN JOCOB (WHO LEAVES MOSCOW SHORTLY) AND ASSOCIATED PRESS ROLE IN CARRYING INTERVIEW, TOGETHER WITH FORCED WISTFULNESS OF "'SOURCES OF INFORMATION'" QUESTION, SUGGEST FIRST WAVE OF CARROT TOWARD IMPLIED STICK FOR THOSE WHO CARRY SUCH ANTI-SOVIET REPORTS.

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